## PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN/Roe v. Wade

SUBJECT: Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1999...S. 1692. Harkin amendment No. 2321 to the Boxer amendment

No. 2320.

## **ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 51-47**

**SYNOPSIS:** As introduced, S. 1692, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1999, will enact criminal and civil penalties for any person who "partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus." An exception will be provided if a partial-birth abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother and no other procedure will suffice.

The Boxer amendment would express the sense of the Congress "that, consistent with the rulings of the Supreme Court, a woman's life and health must always be protected in any reproductive health legislation passed by Congress."

**The Harkin amendment** would express the sense of the Congress that "*Roe v. Wade* was an appropriate decision and secures an important constitutional right; and such decision should not be overturned."

During debate, Senator Santorum moved to table the Harkin amendment. A motion to table is not debatable; however, some debate preceded the making of the motion. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

NOTE: The Senate earlier voted on a motion to table the amendment.

For debate, see vote No. 336.

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